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QUESTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. Question by Lord GLADWYN (H-10/76)
Subject : Defence of the Community

Does the Conference of Foreign Ministers regard the recent establishment of a Committee of the Armaments Directors of the countries represented in the 'Eurogroup' and France as in any way interesting or significant from the point of view of the defence of the Community?

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

2. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-263/75)

Subject: Proposals for directives on architects

In view of the implications that Community legislation in this area might have for certain national systems, can the Council give details on the state of progress of its work on directives on the achievement of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services for self-employed architects?

3. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-264/75)

Subject: Channel Tunnel

What discussions have been held at Council level or are likely to be held with a view to providing Community finance for a Channel Tunnel?

4. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-272/75)

Subject: EEC-China trade negotiations

Can the Council state whether it is true that the Chinese authorities have made it known that they are ready to open negotiations with the European Economic Community for a trade agreement?

Has the Council prepared or defined a negotiating brief for the Commission of the EEC?

5. Question by Mrs EWING (H-12/76)

Subject: Transport Policy

Can the Council give an assurance that in connection with development of the EEC Transport Policy, there will be no prohibition on the rights of Member States to create a social element in the financing of all forms of transport in remote and sparsely populated areas.

6. Question by Mr MURSCH (H-19/76)

Subject: Majority decisions on transport policy

What criteria does the Council intend to use in future when applying the unanimity rule contained in Article 75(3) of the EEC Treaty? Will it resort to majority decisions or does it intend, in cases where no progress can be made in the foreseeable future in common transport policy by applying the unanimity rule, to refer the matter to the European Council so that the latter can take a fundamental decision on transport policy in order to prevent a lasting setback for the Community in this important area?

7. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-23/76)

Subject: Meeting of Interior Ministers to combat 'terrorism'

Following the decision of the European Council in Rome that the Community Ministers for the Interior (or Ministers with similar responsibilities) should meet to discuss matters coming within their competence, will the Council state when this meeting will take place and what is the prepared agenda for this meeting?

8. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-25/76)

Subject: Functions of Embassies

In the opinion of the Council, which of those functions traditionally carried out by the Embassies of Member States situated in other Member States could be dispensed with, in view of all that is now being done in this field by institutions operating at Community level?

9. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-26/76)

Subject: Different summer time arrangements in various countries of the Community

Does not the Council have to admit that the latest proof of the deplorable state of affairs in the Community is afforded by the fact that now, with the introduction of different summer time arrangements in various EEC countries, clocks in the Community no longer show the same time, and how does the Council propose to put an end to this abnormal situation as quickly as possible?

10. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-1/76)

Subject: Common Sheep Policy

Will the Council state the reasons why no real progress is being made in adopting a common policy for sheepmeat?

QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

11. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-2/76)
Subject: Common Sheep Policy

Will the Commission comment on the present situation of its proposals for a common sheep policy stating when it expects a regulation to be adopted?

12. Question by Miss BOOTHROYD (H-223/75)
Subject: I.B.M. Investigation

When does the Commission intend to complete the current investigation into the activities of I.B.M.; and what proposals has it for rationalising the various parts of the present computer industry in Europe to make the industry competitive in the world market?

13. Question by Mr SPICER (H-268/75)
Subject: Community relief teams

Has the Commission given further consideration to the establishment of Community relief teams for service in areas of natural or man-made disasters?

14. Question by Mr DYKES (H-276/75)
Subject: Foreign affairs secretariat for Council of Ministers

Does the Commission propose to formulate a draft outline plan for the creation of a foreign affairs secretariat to serve the Council of Ministers?

15. Question by Lord REAY (H-3/76)
Subject: Students' fees

Is the Commission aware of proposals currently being examined by the United Kingdom Government for large increases in the fees payable by foreign students, including those from Community countries, and does it consider any such action would prejudice freedom of movement within the Community and hence hardly be consonant with British treaty obligations?

16. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-6/76)
Subject: Lease at the Berlaymont Building

Can the Commission state who are their landlords at the Berlaymont Building in Brussels, what annual rent they pay and what under the contract are the terms of notice of quitting?

17. Question by Mr FABBRINI (H-9/76)
Subject: Functioning of the Regional Fund

Can the Commission confirm Vice-President Thomson's earlier statement that a congress will be held in 1976 of European regional and communal organizations as well as of representatives of EEC regions likely to benefit from financial assistance from the Regional Fund, for the purpose of an exchange of views on first experiences of the functioning of the Fund?

18. Question by Mr PRESCOTT (H-11/76)
Subject: Commission investigation

Will the Commission investigate the allegations made by the American Senate Committee that American aero space companies made payments to companies, organizations and individuals within the EEC to influence decisions to purchase American aircraft in breach of the Rome Treaty obligations?

19. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-14/76)
Subject: Rhodesia and South Africa

What steps have been taken to formulate a common European policy on attitudes to Rhodesia and South Africa?

20. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-16/76)
Subject: Discrimination against Irish-bred horses in the Member countries of the Community

Is the Commission aware of, and does it intend to investigate, any discriminatory rules or measures relating to the importation of Irish-bred horses by other Member countries of the Community?

21. Question by Mr NOE' (H-17/76)
Subject: Uniform landing rights

Does the Commission not consider that a proposal for the establishment of uniform landing rights at the various Community airports would be a first step towards demonstrating the will to achieve a common air transport policy?

22. Question by Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN (H-18/76)
Subject: Inter-Services Group on Financial Instruments

What progress is being made by the Commission's Inter-Services Group on Financial Instruments?

23. Question by Mr HOWELL (H-20/76)
Subject: Bread-Making Quality of Wheat

What progress has been made in devising an appropriate test for the bread-making quality of wheat?

24. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-21/76)
Subject: Economic war between the U.S. and the EEC

Having regard to the recent suspension of Irish beef exports to the United States resulting from threats by the U.S. authorities to impose countervailing charges, does the Commission consider this as a further stage in the development of an economic war between the U.S. and the EEC?

25. Question by Mr Van der HEK (H-24/76)
Subject: Loss of income arising from an outdated valuation of the EEC unit of account

What does the Commission propose to do to compensate for the scandalous loss of income to the Community arising from the payment of fines in Italian currency by non-Italian sugar companies of the EEC, or at least to prevent such practice in the future?

26. Question by Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS (H-27/76)
Subject: Skimmed milk powder

What is the average weekly cost to the Community of the storage of skimmed milk powder?

27. Question by Mr FELLERMAIER (H-28/76)

Subject: Car price increases in the Federal Republic of Germany

Does the Commission agree that the clearly mutually agreed price increases by car manufacturers in the Federal Republic represent a danger to economic recovery and could be a signal for other oligopolistic markets where price competition is almost non-existent?

28. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-29/76)

Subject: Car price increases contrary to the rules of competition

What action does the Commission intend to take against simultaneous price increases by German car manufacturers, which are an example of the competitive situation in an oligopolistic market and, since the manufacturers had reached a prior agreement to make these increases, are probably contrary to the rules of competition set out in the EEC Treaty?

29. Question by Mr SANDRI (H-30/76)

Subject: Formation of the bodies provided for in the Lomé Convention

What are the Community's criteria (national representation, professional qualifications of the members etc.) for the composition of the bodies provided for in the Convention of Lomé which are to encourage and supervise the development of industrial cooperation between the EEC and the ACP countries?